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In re Application of
Alireza Rezaia, et. al.
Application No. 09/745,783
Filed: December 22, 2000
Attorney Docket No. ETH1432

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 15, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Notice) mailed February 6, 2001. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A one (1) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned after midnight May 6, 2001.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$110.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on August 15, 2001 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Unit for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Andrea Coram at (703) 308-6711.

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